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Good afternoon Chairs and Members of the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

My name is Tommie Wright I reside in the town of Manchester. I am here to testify in support of Bill No. 648 that will provide funding for case management services at Victory Gardens, a supportive housing project for homeless veterans and families at the USA Department of Veterans Affairs Newington Campus.

I support this bill because there is a very significant need for women, men and their families who have gone through hardships of the military service for the benefit of our freedom for this country. These people went into the military service for the higher good of our country and its freedom. They put their lives on the line to ensure that the higher good of America could be maintained, as a result, there are many veterans and their families who are in serious need of assistance and support in most aspects of their daily living. Their primary living need is based on a reputable place they can call home.

Now, as you know Chrysalis Center, Inc is in a position with very experienced and reliable staff that provides excellent housing support and advice services for veterans and their families who are in great need of their ongoing services. I can testify that I have been a beneficiary of Chrysalis' supportive housing and case management services, and I can personally state that if it were not for these services that I do believe, I would still be homeless today.

So, Madman chair/Mr. Chairman and members of the committee I urge you to take this testimony into serious consideration and do the right thing for those who have directly or indirectly supported you and this great country of ours for its continuance of being free.

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